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REMARKS

The last Office Action of August 13, 2004, has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Claims 2, and 4-10 remain in this application. Claims 2, 4 and 5 have been amended. Claims 1 and 3 have been canceled.

It is noted that the drawings have been objected to for failure to show the screw connection recited in claim 3. This objection has been addressed by canceling claim 3. Withdrawal of the objection is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,459,582 to Ali et al.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 5-10 are indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has canceled claim 1 in favor of new independent claim 5, which was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 has been canceled to overcome the drawing objection (see above), and claims 2 and 4 have been amended to make them dependent from claim 5.

In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all claims on file should be considered patentably differentiated over the art and should be allowed.

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Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

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